

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 113

Introduced by Assembly Member Hagman

February 25, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to epilepsy awareness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 113, as introduced, Hagman. Epilepsy awareness.

This measure would proclaim March 26, 2014, as Purple Day to increase epilepsy awareness.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a neurological disorder producing brief
2 disturbances in the normal electrical functions of the brain that
3 temporarily affects a person’s consciousness, bodily movements,
4 or sensations, while creating long-term effects on the lifestyle of
5 individuals with epilepsy; and
6 WHEREAS, One in 26 people will develop epilepsy and one
7 in 10 people will have an epileptic seizure during his or her
8 lifetime; and
9 WHEREAS, Epilepsy can affect anyone regardless of their
10 gender, race, age, religion, educational background, or
11 socioeconomic status; and
12 WHEREAS, More people suffer from epilepsy than from
13 Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and
14 cerebral palsy combined; and
15 WHEREAS, Epilepsy affects more than 65 million people
16 worldwide; and

1 WHEREAS, Although there is no known cure for epilepsy,
2 existing drug therapy, surgery, and other nonpharmacological
3 treatments enable approximately 80 percent of individuals with
4 epilepsy to lead normal lives with no seizures or a significant
5 reduction in seizures; and

6 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a complex disorder that requires further
7 research to find a cure and prevention; and

8 WHEREAS, The public is often unable to recognize common
9 seizure types or to respond with appropriate first aid, and

10 WHEREAS, The annual observance of Purple Day on March
11 26 advocates for the rights, humane treatment, and appropriate
12 education of all persons with epilepsy, while raising awareness
13 with families, professionals, and the general public to better
14 understand this lifelong disorder; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims March
17 26, 2014, as Purple Day and invites all Californians to participate
18 by wearing purple and calls upon all citizens, government agencies,
19 public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit
20 our community to increasing awareness and understanding of
21 epilepsy through education while ensuring that all individuals with
22 epilepsy lead a full and productive life; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, that the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
24 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.